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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated March 4, 2002, be extended for two months to and including August 5, 2002, the due date of August 4, 2002, being a Sunday.

Enclosed is a check for \$200 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket no. 07917-105001.

Respectfully submitted,

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